

WHEREAS; Tamil is one of four main languages spoken by people in South India, as well as by many Wisconsin families across our state, and is one of the longest-surviving classical languages in the world; and

WHEREAS; Puthandu, also known as Puthuvarudam or Tamil New Year, is the first day of year on the Tamil calendar and is traditionally celebrated as a festival; and

WHEREAS; the date of the festival is set with the solar cycle of the lunisolar calendar as the first day of the Tamil month Chithirai, which falls on or about April 14 every year on the Gregorian calendar; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, Tamil people greet one another by saying “Puthāṇḍu vāazhthugal!” (புத்தாண்டு வாழ்த்துக்கள்) or “Iniya puthaandu nalvāazhthugal!” (இனிய புத்தாண்டு நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்), which translate to “Happy New Year” in English; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the contributions of the Tamil people in our state and around the world and wishes a happy new year to all who celebrate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 14, 2022, as

TAMIL NEW YEAR

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 12th day of April 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State